

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**



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OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

**First Year Evaluation Of The
Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program
RFA# 0804-05**

This Request For Applications (RFA) is for the purpose of obtaining services to design and conduct an evaluation of the first year of implementation of the Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program (Pre-K) in the District of Columbia.

Under the Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program, on July 1, 2005, the Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD), a unit of the District of Columbia Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the District of Columbia Public Schools, launched a program to provide true-quality early childhood services for at least 375 District of Columbia children not currently enrolled in an early education program, through funding to a variety of non-profit community-based organizations at 24 sites throughout the District.

The OECD now seeks to begin an evaluation of the first year of the implementation of the Pre-K Program through the collection of and reporting on quantitative and qualitative data with the goal to provide useful input for strengthening the Program.

The OECD is the lead agency in the District of Columbia responsible for providing early care and education services for District of Columbia children six (6) weeks through twelve (12) years of age and through age 18 if the child has a disability.

The OECD invites applications from private and non-profit research organizations and universities.

Funding for the Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program is made available through a grant from the U. S. Department of Education and administered through a Memorandum of Understanding between the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood Development.

A maximum of \$360,000 is available for this purpose. One grant will be awarded for an initial period of twelve (12) months, beginning October 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2006.

Applicants are encouraged to attend a Pre-Application Conference scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2005, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the DC Office of Early Childhood Development, 717 14th Street, NW, Eighth Floor Conference Room.

The deadline for response to this RFA is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005.

Applications may be obtained from Ms. Priscilla Burnett at the DHS Office of Grants Management, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20002, or from the DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development website, www.opgd.dc.gov, District Grants Clearinghouse.